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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO

REF: STATE 225735

1. SEATING ARRANGEMENT TEMPEST IN A TEACUP HAS APPARENTLY BEEN RESOLVED TO EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION. MAGISTRATE DID NOT ORDER ANYONE PUT OUT OF SEATS, REQUEST TO MOVE CAME FROM POLICE OFFICER WHO SAID HE WAS ACTING ON MAGISTRATE'S STANDING ORDERS THAT THOSE SEATS BE RESERVED FOR PRESS. MAGISTRATE IN FACT THOUGHT THAT PRESS HAD BEEN OCCUPYING THOSE SEATS ALL ALONG AND DID NOT REALIZE THERE WAS ANY DISPUTE UNTIL HE ENTERED COURTROOM AT 10:30 A.M., BY WHICH TIME MURPHY HAD LEFT BUILDING.

2. WALLACE-WHITFIELD TOOK MATTER UP WITH MAGISTRATE AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IN THIS MORNING'S HEARING. MAGISTRATE EXPLAINED THAT QUARTERS WERE CRAMPED AND THAT HE HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO ALLOWING TWELVE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT IN FRONT PART OF COURTROOM. HE SAID THAT WHEN VESCO BROUGHT IN HIS LEGAL BRIGADE THEY HAD BROUGHT THEIR OWN CHAIRS FROM LOCAL LAWYER'S OFFICE. MAGISTRATE SEEMED UNDER MISAPPREHENSION THAT US HAD AUGMENTED ITS FORCES TODAY, HENCE THEIR NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SEATING. AT ANY RATE, MAGISTRATE MADE CLEAR
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HE DIDN'T CARE WHO SAT WHERE, THAT THERE WEREN'T SUFFICIENT

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SEATS FOR BOTH PRESS AND US ADVISERS, WALLACE-WHITFIELD
COULD PERHAPS SUPPLY SOME CHAIRS FOR THEM. ENTIRE MATTER
APPEARED RESOLVED WELL BEFORE MURPHY/MALMBORG TELCON OCCURRED.

3. MAGISTRATE DOES NOT APPEAR PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY TO WAL-
LACE-WHITFIELD OR CONVINCED OF MERITS OF US CASE AGAINST
VESCO, BUT, AT LEAST TO EMBASSY RESPRESENTATIVE, HIS PROCE-
DURAL RULINGS THUS FAR SEEM QUITE EVEN-HANDED. PART OF MAG-
ISTRAT'S ANNOYANCE WITH WALLACE-WHITFIELD REPORTEDLY STEMS
FROM LATTER'S COMPLAINT TO CHIEF JUSTICE ABOUT OSADEBAY'S
ALLEGED STATEMENT TO NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT THE US MIGHT NOT
HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO WARRANT VESCO'S EXTRADITION
(OSADEBAY HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED MAKING ANY SUCH STATEMENT).
WITH THIS SORT OF BACKGROUND, AND IN VIEW OF APPARENT RESO-
LUTION OF SEATING PROBLEM, EMBASSY REGARDS PROPOSED APPROACH
TO ADDERLEY OVER OSADEBAY'S HEAD AS UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME.
IF DEPARTMENT DISAGREES, PLEASE ADVISE.
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